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Sir:

Submitted with this Preliminary Amendment is a Request for Continued Examination. Please enter this Preliminary Amendment in lieu of the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 filed on October 30, 2006.

This Preliminary amendment is filed in furtherance of the Notice of Appeal filed by applicants on October 30, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed by the Examiner November 17, 2006, making this amendment due on or before December 30, 2006. As the Patent Office has been closed from December 30, 2006 through January 2, 2007, this amendment is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.